

# HB3179



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3179

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/2-4006.5

Amends the Counties Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning commissioners in certain counties.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-4006.5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-4006.5)

7 Sec. 2-4006.5. Commissioners in certain counties.

8 (a) If a county elects 3 commissioners at large under  
9 Section 2-4006, registered voters of such county may, by a vote  
10 of a majority of those voting on such proposition, determine to  
11 change the method of electing the board of county commissioners  
12 by electing either 3 or 5 members from single member districts.  
13 In order for such question to be placed upon the ballot, such  
14 petition must contain the signatures of not fewer than 10% of  
15 the ~~the~~ registered voters of such county.

16 Commissioners may not be elected from single member  
17 districts until the question of electing either 3 or 5  
18 commissioners from single member districts has been submitted  
19 to the electors of the county at a regular election and  
20 approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question.  
21 The commissioners must certify the question to the proper  
22 election authority, which must submit the question at an  
23 election in accordance with the Election Code.

1 The question must be in substantially the following form:

2 Shall the board of county commissioners of (name of  
3 county) consist of (insert either 3 or 5) commissioners  
4 elected from single member districts?

5 The votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

6 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
7 in the affirmative, a 3-member or 5-member board of county  
8 commissioners, as the case may be, shall be established to be  
9 elected from single member districts.

10 (b) If the voters of the county decide to elect either 3 or  
11 5 commissioners from single member districts, the board of  
12 county commissioners shall on or before August 31 of the year  
13 following the 2000 federal decennial census divide the county  
14 into either 3 or 5 compact and contiguous county commission  
15 districts that are substantially equal in population. On or  
16 before May 31 of the year following each federal decennial  
17 census thereafter, the board of county commissioners shall  
18 reapportion the county commission districts to be compact,  
19 contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

20 (c) The commissioners elected at large at or before the  
21 general election in 2000 shall continue to serve until the  
22 expiration of their terms. Of those commissioners, the  
23 commissioner whose term expires in 2002 shall be assigned to  
24 district 1; the commissioner whose term expires in 2004 shall  
25 be assigned to district 2; and the commissioner whose term  
26 expires in 2006 shall be assigned to district 3.

1           (d) If the voters of the county decide to elect 5  
2 commissioners from single member districts, at the general  
3 election in 2002, one commissioner from and residing in each of  
4 districts 1, 4, and 5 shall be elected. At the general election  
5 in 2004, one commissioner from and residing in each of  
6 districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected. At the general election  
7 in 2006, one commissioner from and residing in each of  
8 districts 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected. At the general election  
9 in 2008, one commissioner from and residing in each of  
10 districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected. At the general election  
11 in 2010, one commissioner from each of districts 2 and 4 shall  
12 be elected. At the general election in 2012, commissioners from  
13 and residing in each district shall be elected. Thereafter,  
14 commissioners shall be elected at each general election to fill  
15 expired terms. Each commissioner must reside in the district  
16 that he or she represents from the time that he or she files  
17 his or her nomination papers until his or her term expires.

18           In the year following the decennial census of 2010 and  
19 every 10 years thereafter, the commissioners, publicly by lot,  
20 shall divide the districts into 2 groups. One group shall serve  
21 terms of 4 years, 4 years, and 2 years and one group shall  
22 serve terms of 2 years, 4 years, and 4 years.

23           (Source: P.A. 91-846, eff. 6-22-00; 92-189, eff. 8-1-01.)